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Alleged Afghan rapes need ICC inquiry: Lawyer

MILITARY The International Criminal Court should launch its own investigation into allegations some Canadian officers serving in Afghanistan told subordinates to look the other way when Afghan soldiers and local interpreters sodomized young boys, says one of Canada's leading human-rights lawyers.

University of British Columbia international law and politics expert Michael Byers said he plans to ask the ICC to begin its own inquiry into the charges.

In a story published yesterday by a Toronto paper, former Canadian soldier Tyrel Braaten said during his tour of duty in Afghanistan in 2006, he witnessed Afghan interpreters bringing young boys inside buildings at Forward Operating Base Wilson, a remote Canadian base outside Kandahar. The boys were then sodomized by the interpreters and Afghan soldiers, Braaten said.

Other Canadian soldiers have complained to chaplains and Canadian military medical personnel that Canadian officers told them not to get involved because the sodomy was tantamount to "cultural differences."

The Canadian Forces' National Investigation Service is investigating the allegations and is expected to complete its probe in the spring. A military board of inquiry, meantime, is also investigating.

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Gossip Girl duo engaged?

Meeting the media **Transit talk**



Mayor Larry O'Brien, right, and Transit Services director Alain Mercier discuss the transit strike yesterday afternoon during a news conference at the mayor's office. **Story page 3**

Retailers reeling

Lack of bus traffic affecting some malls

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On one of the last weekends before Christmas, the city's normally busy malls were noticeably sparser than usual, retailers said yesterday.

"Business has been a little bit slow," said Rob Craig, manager of the Sports Experts store at the Rideau Centre downtown. "As far as walkthrough traffic, it should be a little busier this time of year."

During what should be a busy time of year for retailers, the transit strike, now on its sixth day, has caused a slowdown in holiday shopping at the Rideau Centre, which gets much of its business from shoppers who arrive by bus.

Wild Winter, a kiosk

"The store got pretty dead — a lot of people come here to get stuff before games, but now they can't get to the games."

The Sens Store assistant manager Veronique Daoust

that sells winter accessories, is located near the Rideau Street entrance of the mall.

Employee Emily Hughes said she's "definitely noticed fewer people coming through the mall."

"There's usually a bus that stops right outside," she said. As a result of the strike, fewer people have been in the area, she said. The store has also had a few problems with stock coming through, she added.

Over at The Sens Store, employees have been bur-

dened with more than slow sales.

"The store got pretty dead — a lot of people come here to get stuff before games, but now they can't get to the games," said assistant manager Veronique Daoust.

"A lot of people depended on bus rides to get out (to the games), so now it's \$50 for a cab ride out there."

"People come here to ask for refunds for tickets."

Getting to work was such a problem at Sports

Experts that management rented a car to pick up employees for their shifts.

"We have to have our employees come in," Craig said. "So we have one of the employees drive people to and from their homes everyday."

Over in the ByWard Market, retailers didn't notice much of a change from the norm.

"We haven't felt any strain from the transit strike," said Lush manager Heather Mayfield.

Because the staff live within walking distance, there haven't been any staffing issues, she said.

Lost Marbles assistant manager Jesse Albota agreed.

"It's probably been the same," he said. "It's always pretty busy on weekends. I guess people need to shop regardless of what's going on."

2 dead, 3 hurt seriously in 2 collisions

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FATALITIES Two people are dead and at least three more seriously injured after a two-car crash and a pedestrian-car collision last night.

At 6:40 p.m., Ottawa police and fire services attended a head-on collision between two passenger vehicles in the city's south end.

The collision, which occurred at the intersection of Albion Road and Rideau Road, left the male driver and female passenger of one vehicle dead and the driver of the second vehicle injured.

Police did not release the names last night pending notification of next of kin.

Officers closed Albion Road from Rideau Road to Mitch Owens Road while they investigated.

"We do have some witnesses for the collision," said Ottawa police Staff Sgt. Chris Renwick. "There are some driving factors under investigation."

At almost exactly the same time in the city's west end, a vehicle struck a 42-year-old adult male and his three-year-old son at the intersection of Richmond Road west of Croydon Avenue, said Paramedic Team Leader Denis Gagnon.

"They were treated at the scene for life-threatening injuries," he said.

The man was taken to the trauma centre at the Ottawa hospital, where he remains in critical condition. The boy was taken to the pediatric trauma centre at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, where he remains in stable condition.

At press time last night, there were more than 12 collisions reported in the city's rural area over the span of one hour, when freezing rain began and the roads suddenly iced over. The worst areas included River Road, Snake Island Road, Boundary Road and Albion Road.

"We had a high concentration of collisions there," said Renwick.

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Four charged after firearms search

Police charged two adults and two youths in Vanier after seizing a stolen rifle at a Des Peres Blancs residence while conducting a firearms search warrant over the weekend. Two female youths, the female adult resident and an 18-year-old man face several charges. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Local

Missing bassoon recovered

A missing valuable instrument has been returned to the National Arts Centre after it was found for sale on EBay. Sometime between August and Oct. 17, 2008, a 1955 German-made Heckel Contra Bassoon worth between \$60,000 and \$100,000 went missing. When a member of the orchestra saw the instrument on EBay, the Ottawa police were contacted. As a result, the EBay seller, who lives in Montreal, turned over the instrument to police. No charges were laid.

OTTAWA POLICE

Transit talks still stuck in neutral

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No more direct negotiations took place over the weekend, but the city's director of transit services said he's hopeful the city and union representing more than 2,000 OC Transpo employees will get back to discussion "before Christmas."

In an effort to pressure the union into holding a vote on accepting their last offer, the city sent each driver a copy of a letter

sent to ATU 279 president Andre Cornellier clarifying the proposed scheduling process.

Larry O'Brien said he put a link to the document on his own mayorlarry.ca website.

"I invite those members of the union, who have not gained access to the details of the letter, to go to my website," said O'Brien. "I ask (them) to continue to inquire with your union executive as to why you haven't been given a chance to vote of this very fair and fine offer."

"Mr. Mercier and Mr. O'Brien will throw us under the bus."

Noah Vineberg

Mercier said the letter was sent because he believed there were still too many misconceptions about the process.

"This is about getting the right amount of information out to the drivers," said Mercier.

"It's a complex issue and

requires that the members and the union review the real offer that was put on the table."

OC Transpo driver Noah Vineberg posted a rebuttal on O'Brien's website. He was skeptical that the offer would improve the quality of life for drivers or passengers.

"Please explain why if this deal is good for everyone — why did you offer us \$1,400 to accept it? Why after rejecting it unanimously did you up your offer to \$2,000? Why do you need to have cash incen-

tives to accept a deal that so obviously improves our quality of life?" Vineberg wrote.

"Mr. Mercier and Mr. O'Brien will throw us under the bus."

When contacted, he deferred to the union negotiators.

In the last hours prior to the strike, a federal mediator had suggested deferring the scheduling issue, but after nearly nine months of discussion, Mercier said they felt that was not in the best interest of the citizens.

Choir brings 'moment of serenity' to ByWard

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To answer your questions, yes, they're cold, and no, singing doesn't make them any warmer.

But the members of Ottawa's Tone Clusters can't imagine the holiday season without singing in the ByWard Market.

Sarah Whibberley said she'll never forget the first year she sang outside.

"It was freezing," said the group president. "But we bonded together under the adversity."

Organized by the ByWard Market Business Improvement Area, Choirs in the ByWard Market showcases a variety of Christmas music in one of Ottawa's most charming and tourist-friendly neighbourhoods.

The group, which performs everything from "obscure classics no one's ever heard of" and "more popular new songs for the kids," tries to cater to all tastes in music — in both official

"To me, this is what the holidays are all about. It gives you a little glow inside."

Xander Stobbs

languages, Whibberley says.

In its sixth year in the market, the weekend caroling event has become a part of the area's Christmas tradition.

While some pedestrians briefly acknowledge the music as they hurry by, others stay for a few songs. Tara Mahoney stopped to listen to the choir not only yesterday, but the weekend before.

"To hear the choir sing Christmas songs is so lovely and it gives me a break from my errands and running around," she said.

Simple pleasures allow people to reflect on the meaning of the holidays, she said.

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Tone Clusters singers Fiona Bladon, from left, Lorraine Henderson and Justine Villeneuve perform in the ByWard Market as part of Choirs in the ByWard Market yesterday.

tem, performances like this make people stop and take notice, said the choir's musical director, Jane Perry.

Between hard times on the Hill, the economy and the city's transit strike, Ot-

tawa has fallen on tough times, Whibberley said.

"It's nice to have some optimism and something to take away the stress for a while. To be able to provide a moment of serenity be-

fore people rush on is great."

"To me, this is what the holidays are all about," said choir member Xander Stobbs. "It gives you a little glow inside."

News in brief

FRAUD An Ottawa woman faces a fraud charge after police investigated a tampering incident relating to scratch tickets late last month, OPP said over the weekend. The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. referred an incident at an Ontario Lottery and Gaming retail location in Ottawa to the OPP. A 33-year-old Ottawa woman was charged with fraud under \$5,000. Christine Grace Shaver of Ottawa appears in court on Jan 29.

THEFT Ottawa police are seeking a suspect after a west-end bank was robbed Saturday. At 12:45 p.m., a male walked into the CIBC at 3777 Strandherd Dr. and demanded cash. The suspect fled on foot after obtaining an undisclosed amount. No weapon was seen. The suspect is described as a white male in his early 20s, 5-foot-7 with brown hair. He was wearing an oversized dark winter jacket and dark hoodie, a dark baseball cap, khaki pants and dark shoes.

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Homage to the Cup

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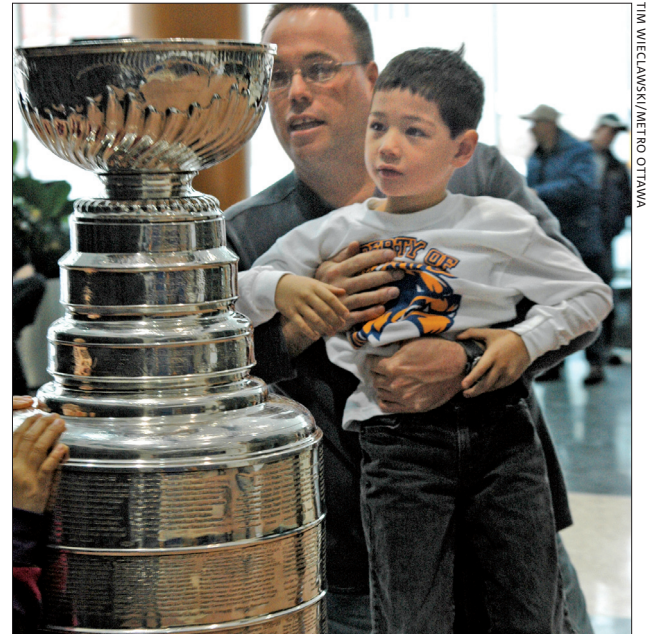
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More than 1,000 people came out to touch, kiss, hug and have their pictures taken with the Stanley Cup, which was at city hall over the weekend for the 125 Years of Hockey in Ottawa exhibit.

"I was surprised. They let you touch it, kiss it, hug it, just about anything, but no lifting," said Kim Stirling, who brought her son Kai to see the cup. "I think it's great they do this. There were a lot of kids and families. Everybody had their Senators jerseys on."

Since it's been decades that the Senators last had



Mike Collins holds his five-year-old son, Noah, up to see the names of the 1903 Ottawa Senators etched on the Stanley Cup.

their names etched on the cup, Kim and Kai settled for looking up the names of Montreal Canadiens players.

"It was pretty cool. I've never seen it before, except on TV, so it's good to get pictures with it," said Kai, 13, who plays for the Nepean Raiders.

Given that it has not been

out much in public in Ottawa for a few years, Bolt expected a bigger crowd. While 318 people came out to see the cup on Saturday, more than 700 showed up on Sunday. When Detroit Red Wings forward Dan Cleary brought the cup to Newfoundland for the first time, 30,000 turned up to see it.

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For the 116 Albert Street site:
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Canada



Tories widen lead

The federal Conservatives, led by Stephen Harper, left, would win a strong majority in Parliament if elections were held today, according to a poll showing the new leader of the Opposition Liberals has done little to boost public support. Canadians favour the Conservatives over the Liberals by 45 per cent to 26 per cent, an Ipsos Reid poll showed. The NDP had 12 per cent backing.

REUTERS

News in brief

OLYMPICS Gregor Robertson, Vancouver's new mayor, has appointed an external auditor to review the financial arrangements between the City of Vancouver and the developers of the Olympic

Village. KPMG has been asked to examine the decision by the previous council to give a \$100-million loan guarantee to Millennium Development.

ALBERTA Calgary-Mountain

View MLA David Swann has been made leader of the Alberta Liberal party.

HALIFAX Aaron Gregory Marriott, 18, is facing three attempted murder charges af-

ter firing at one man three separate times — once outside a children's hospital. The shootings are believed to be part of an ongoing drug war between the city's Marriott and Melvin families. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Families, country mourn heroes

With a nephew killed in Afghanistan and a son headed for the same war, a grieving and frustrated Russell Higgins says Canadian soldiers are wasted on a foolish mission.

Reached at his home yesterday in Upper Musquodoboit, N.S., Higgins said, "I don't figure our boys should be over there to start with. It's a fight that can't be won. They have been doing the same thing over there since the Crusades. You can't win a war against people that don't mind dying."

Higgins' nephew, Cpl.

Thomas James Hamilton, was one of three Canadians killed Saturday by a roadside bomb. Pte. John Michael Roy Curwin and Pte. Justin Peter Jones also died.

The deaths came eight days after Cpl. Mark McLaren, Warrant Officer Robert Wilson and Pte. Demetrios Diplaros died when their armoured vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED) on the same stretch of highway.

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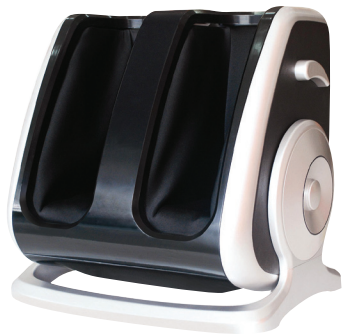
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Vancouver Rare snow



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World



People wear face masks which read "censorship" during a dissenters' march opposition rally yesterday in St. Petersburg. Police blocked attempts by radical Kremlin opponents, buoyed by a looming economic crisis, to hold banned marches and detained several opposition activists.

Russia quells protests

Police yesterday blocked Kremlin opponents from holding unlicensed marches in Russia's two main cities over the economic crisis, witnesses said, and detained more than 150 activists.

Marches of discontent have become a trademark protest by a coalition of small opposition groups from liberals to communists, led by former world chess champion Garry Kasparov and writer Eduard Limonov, the head of outlawed National-Bolshevik party.

Witnesses said that police trucks sealed off two

squares in central Moscow, where the Other Russia coalition wanted to start its march. Police cordons prevented a handful of opposition supporters from entering the squares.

Police detained two dozen elderly Soviet officers at Pushkinskaya Square and several opposition activists, including Limonov, at Trumfalnaya Square two kilometres away.

In St Petersburg, police blocked about 100 protesters who were planning to march down the city's main thoroughfare to Chernyshevsky Square, the venue of an officially al-

lowed rally. Several opposition activists were detained.

Less than 500 protesters later turned up at the Chernyshevsky Square chanting: "No to police state!" and "Authorities, answer for the crisis!" The rally lasted for an hour and ended peacefully.

"They are saving their money," Sergei Gulyayev, a senior member of Other Russia coalition, told the rally. "They will not save the Russian economy. With this government, this president and this prime minister we are heading to a collapse." **REUTERS**

Iraqi reporter hurls insults, shoes at Bush in Baghdad

VISIT An Iraqi reporter called visiting U.S. president George W. Bush a "dog" in Arabic and threw shoes at him during a news conference yesterday.

Iraqi security officers and U.S. secret service agents leapt at the man and dragged him screaming out of the room where Bush was giving a news conference with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

The shoes missed their target about 4.5 metres away. One sailed over

Bush's head as he stood next to Maliki and smacked into the wall behind him. Bush smiled uncomfortably and Maliki looked strained.

"It doesn't bother me," Bush said, urging everyone to calm down.

Bush stopped in Baghdad on a farewell visit before arriving in Afghanistan last night. **REUTERS**



VIDEO George W. Bush's artful dodge of thrown shoes at metronews.ca/world

Greeks wanted better response to violence: Poll

GREECE Recent opinion polls show many think Greek authorities mishandled the country's worst rioting in decades. A poll published by Ethnos newspaper yesterday said 83.3 per cent of Greeks were unhappy with the response to the violence.

The Dec. 6 killing of a 15-year-old boy by police unleashed unrest across the country, feeding on growing anger over political scandals and the impact of recession. **REUTERS**

News in brief

POLITICS Scandal-plagued Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich will not resign today, his spokesman said, but pressure to do so continued to grow on the

governor to step aside. Blagojevich was arrested last week on charges of swapping political favours for cash.

HONG KONG Forty-six people

were hurt after two bottles containing an acidic liquid were dropped from a building into a busy commercial district on Saturday. **REUTERS**

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Coalition of thoughts

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Anne Hines



This morning, my friend Rob called. Our conversation went something like this:

Rob: Hi, am I interrupting anything?

Me: I'm writing.

Rob: Good, I thought you might be busy. Something alarming's happened.

This could mean either No. 1, beer's gone up a cent a bottle, or No. 2, Rob's started dating again.

Rob: I'm worried about what's happening with our government.

It's No. 2. My friend Rob is a dear, sweet, clueless man who feels the way to a woman's heart is to agree with everything she says. Works for me.

Me: What happened to the vegan you were seeing?

Rob: She complained about the restaurant I'd picked so I suggested we just go forage for nuts and berries in the park.

Me: Where did you want to take her?

Rob: The Keg. They've got lettuce. I think. Anyway, I went out with this woman who says if this coalition government takes over, it's going to be very bad for kids.

Me: Because third graders will have to learn to spell Ignatieff?

Rob: Plus, it will show that the government of this country can be replaced at

any time. You know what that's called?

Me: I'll go out on a limb here ... democracy?

Rob: No, no, chaos.

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference.

Rob: So she says what we have to do is invade Quebec.

I pause. I figure there are two possible responses. No. 1, "You had fewer nuts with the vegan," or No. 2, "Uh ... what?" I opt for No. 2.

Rob: We must attack. Shut down Quebec's ability to have a say in government.

Me: This is about you wanting to wear your Halloween combat costume again, isn't it?

Rob: No. Not entirely.

Me: So, she wants to protect Canada by denying rights to Canadians? There's a word for that.

Rob: Decisive?

Me: OK ... or maybe, "insane."

Rob: She says if we don't deal with Quebec, other groups may start thinking they can hang onto their language and traditions. Canada could become multicultural.

Me: It is.

Rob: Oh ... right.

Me: Sweetie, get some information and think this through for yourself. You can still wear the costume. But maybe just around the house. Any other dates lined up?

Rob: Tonight I'm going to a séance with a woman who thinks spirits should be allowed to vote.

Tomorrow, I'm just not answering the phone.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



MICHAEL DE ADOR

Letters

Treat public transit like an essential, core service

In the past month, city council approved a massive Transportation Master Plan that, if it goes ahead, won't improve transit service for years to come — while billions of increasingly scarce dollars are spent and railway lines crossing Ottawa and Gatineau stay unused.

Now we have a complete breakdown of Ottawa's transit system. As I trudge along snow-bound streets, coping with the abrupt disappearance of buses and O-Trains, I have a request for the folks in charge of transit in our fair city, Canada's capital.

Please treat public transit as the essential, core service that it is and act accordingly.

Provision of good tran-

sit service must not be seen as a vehicle for extracting dollars from the federal and Ontario governments but as a core responsibility of the city you lead.

The removal of transit service in winter conditions has created a public safety hazard, one much worse than any posed by legal pickets.

DAVID GLADSTONE, OTTAWA

Should we ignore hundreds of years of shared history?

Re: Let's Retire The Queen (Dec. 10)

Perhaps Mr. Sullivan should just move south to the United States and ignore hundreds of years of shared history and a place in the Commonwealth of Nations if he finds the Queen to be such a thorn in his side.

TOM POKORNY, TORONTO

Views

The forgotten voices are affected by strike

InTransit

John Holmes



On the eve of the transit strike, I sat in a coffee shop and watched the snow blow in over Centretown.

Suddenly, I blew into a rage.

Until then, a transit strike in winter seemed like such a nightmare scenario, I had convinced my-

self it had to be, and would be, averted. Then came the mayor's announcement. There would be no more talks, no more attempts at compromise. Come midnight, the strike was on.

Six days later, there have been ominously few moves toward reconciliation. Both sides have traded blows through the media, while face-to-face talks have remained a scarcity. By refusing to engage in serious dialogue, those with the power to end the strike give the impression they don't understand the severity of the crisis. This is Ottawa in December, not Orlando in June. Do they understand the hell of walk-

ing for two hours to get to work in -20 C temperatures?

Throughout the strike, the forgotten voices have been those of us who rely solely on transit to get around.

Needless to say, the real victims are people living in low-income areas in the suburbs.

Low-wage employees can't telecommute, and rarely get paid sick days. They don't always have forgiving bosses who let them get away with not coming to work. A day's pay on the provincial minimum wage (still a paltry \$8.75 per hour) would barely cover a return taxi fare from the

vicinity of Lincoln Fields Transitway station to Centretown. Equally suffering are the students struggling to exams, and the elderly missing important medical appointments.

Who knows how many jobs will be lost, how many courses will be failed, how many illnesses left untreated if this strike drags on indefinitely. There's so much at stake for citizens, it requires both parties to at least try to resolve their differences by getting to the table for serious talks.

John Holmes is a writer for various publications in Canada and the U.K. He's never had a driver's licence, and has relied on public transit for all of his adult life.

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The One Million Acts of Green recently marked a significant milestone, surpassing 500,000 acts of green registered online at www.onemillionactsofgreen.com. This represents a reduction of approximately 25,000,000 kilograms of greenhouse gases. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Green

Energy-saving tips

With government rebates for programmable thermostats, you could save almost a \$100 per year on heating costs, according to Direct Energy. And don't forget your furnace — an annual maintenance and cleaning can extend the life of a furnace by several years and prevent untimely breakdowns this holiday season.

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The trouble with tarsands

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



If you want to be scared, you don't need to watch a horror movie or read the latest Stephen King bestseller.

Real terror can be found by simply firing up Google Earth. By mousing over and zooming in, you can see what Alberta's tarsands look like from space.

It is not a pretty sight. In fact, it's scary — and for good reason.

A recent book by celebrated journalist Andrew Niki-

foruk, *Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent* (published by Grey-stone Books and the David Suzuki Foundation), explores what these grey spots on Google Earth mean to Canada's environment and economy. It's an important book, one that every Canadian should read to find out how the world's largest energy project will affect us.

The scale of the Alberta tarsands project is unprecedented in Canadian history. Alberta's "blue-eyed sheiks," as the oil-industry elite are known, stand to make billions of dollars from carving up northern Alberta in order to meet U.S. demand for oil. But these dollars pale in comparison to the environmental value that is being squandered at the expense of petro dollars.

The main tarsands deposits are at three sites in Alberta: Peace River, Cold Lake and Athabasca. The Athabasca region contains the largest deposit of crude bitumen in the world.

All this bitumen, a complex mixture of molecules from prehistoric life, is a geological miracle with which Canada has been blessed. But instead of safeguarding this resource, we are using it up. And we are creating an environmental catastrophe that will take centuries to recover from ... if we recover at all.

It's estimated that two tonnes of earth must be excavated to produce one barrel of thick tar-like bitumen. And it requires as much as three barrels of fresh water from the Athabasca River to make one barrel of bitumen. It al-

so takes a huge amount of energy to extract the oil from the sands.

Now think about this: Each day Canada exports 1 million barrels of bitumen to the United States.

With all the money being made from the tarsands, very little of it seems to be reinvested in renewable energy that comes from wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal sources.

If anything, we could be investing this money in low-carbon projects so we won't have to pull every bit of bitumen from the ground.

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The federal government and Ontario have reached a deal to offer proportional funds to Canada's auto industry if a proposed aid package is approved in Washington, Industry Minister Tony Clement said. Clement said the proposed aid to Canada's ailing auto sector would amount to approximately 20 per cent of the U.S. proposal. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Federal, Ontario governments reach auto deal

Business



China eyes money-supply growth

China aims to increase its money supply by 17 per cent in 2009, the cabinet said, as it unveiled a broad blueprint for easing financial conditions to help oil the wheels of the world's fourth-largest economy. This follows a pledge by the top leadership last week to take measures to stimulate domestic demand as the economy slows, and comes on the heels of a 4-trillion yuan (\$586 billion US) stimulus package announced last month.

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Business in brief

REAL ESTATE A revival in the U.S. real estate market should begin by next spring, property mogul Sam Zell told an Israeli business conference yesterday. "I believe ... we will see the first signs of equilibrium in the

housing market in the spring of 2009 and I will expect by spring 2010 the housing market in the U.S. will look a lot better," Zell said.

CREDIT CARDS The U.S. credit-

card industry, harshly criticized for imposing surprise fees and interest-rate hikes on consumers, may face a day of reckoning Thursday. The Federal Reserve is to vote on credit-card reforms that may bring

some relief to customers who face a variety of ways for being hit with late fees, universal defaults, shorter payment periods and confusing payment allocations for different balances.

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Autoparts makers on razor's edge

Shares of Canadian autoparts makers have taken a beating due to the decline in the U.S. auto sector, but the companies will face a much harsher reality if one or more of the Detroit Three is allowed to fail.

Parts companies already run on razor-thin margins, and a bankruptcy of one of the big automakers would mean suppliers would not be paid. That would lead to a catastrophic chain reaction that would ripple through the industry, said Linda Hasenfratz, president and chief executive of Linamar Corp.

"You are looking at shutting down the entire automotive industry in North America," she said. More than 65 per cent of

suppliers to Ford, GM and Chrysler also supply Toyota Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co., so even the off-shore-based manufacturers would be hard hit.

Worries of a bankruptcy of one or all of the Detroit Three are reflected in Linamar's share price, which is

down 79 per cent since the beginning of the year. At \$4.20, it's on the verge of being removed from the S&P/TSX composite index.

"You are looking at shutting down the entire automotive industry in North America."

Linda Hasenfratz

No Canadian autoparts manufacturer has escaped seeing its stock being clobbered this year. Magna International Inc. is down 56 per cent at \$35.76, and Martinrea International Inc. is down 84 per cent at \$1.94.

REUTERS

No word on auto bailout 'for a while': White House

AID The White House said it did not expect any announcement on an auto-industry rescue plan before President George W. Bush returns to the United States from an unannounced trip to Iraq.

"I just don't expect anything for a while," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said, responding to

a question on whether an announcement would be made during Bush's trip on whether the administration would tap a \$700 billion US financial-industry bailout fund to aid ailing automakers.

Perino said she had no timetable for such a decision.

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Chris Paul notched his 17th double-double of the year with 12 points and 12 assists to lead the Hornets in a 99-91 victory in Toronto yesterday.

David West poured in 29 points and grabbed nine rebounds for New Orleans, which has won four of its last five games and eight of 10. James Posey logged a season-high 20 points, including six three-pointers, and 10 boards.

Chris Bosh tallied 25 points, grabbed eight boards and dished out six helpers in defeat.

"We're still a good team, we just have to get it consistent again," said Bosh.

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Junior roster coming today

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Hockey Canada will announce its roster today for the world junior championship after wrapping up a three-day selection camp last night.

John Tavares, Jamie Benn and Tyler Ennis were the leading scorers in three intra-squad scrimmages.

Tavares, an Oakville, Ont., native who helped Canada win gold at last year's world junior championship, piled up four goals and an assist.

Benn, a Dallas Stars draft choice, had three goals and an assist, while Tyler Ennis, a Buffalo Sabres first-rounder, had a goal and four assists.

Brett Sonne and Jordan Eberle had two goals and an assist each.

Head coach Pat Quinn

will announce the roster today at 11:15 a.m. at a news conference at SenSplex in Kanata.

Thirty-eight players were invited to the selection camp, and 22 will be named to the team. The world junior starts Boxing Day at Scotiabank Place.

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THURSDAY'S RESULT

Chicago 27 New Orleans 24 (OT)

TONIGHT'S GAME

Cleveland at Philadelphia

NFL Grieving Cassel leads Patriots



Matt Cassel of the New England Patriots threw for 218 yards and a career-high four touchdowns in a 49-26 win over the Oakland Raiders yesterday. Cassel's father died last Monday.

Avery done in Dallas

The Dallas Stars have decided that suspended forward Sean Avery will not return to the team.

Avery was suspended by the NHL for six games, without pay, earlier this month for crude comments he made to members of the media regarding his ex-girlfriends dating other hockey players.



Sean Avery

The 28-year-old antagonist was eligible to return to the club yesterday after the six-game ban expired, but the club and representatives for Avery determined it was not possible for the player to rejoin his teammates.

"Sean needs to focus on his own well-being while the Stars hockey team must focus on playing hockey and competing for a playoff spot," said Stars co-general manager Brett Hull.

Avery, who agreed to seek anger-management treatment after the incident, was in the first year of a four-year, \$15.5-million US deal.

"We do care about Sean and want what is best for him," said Hull.

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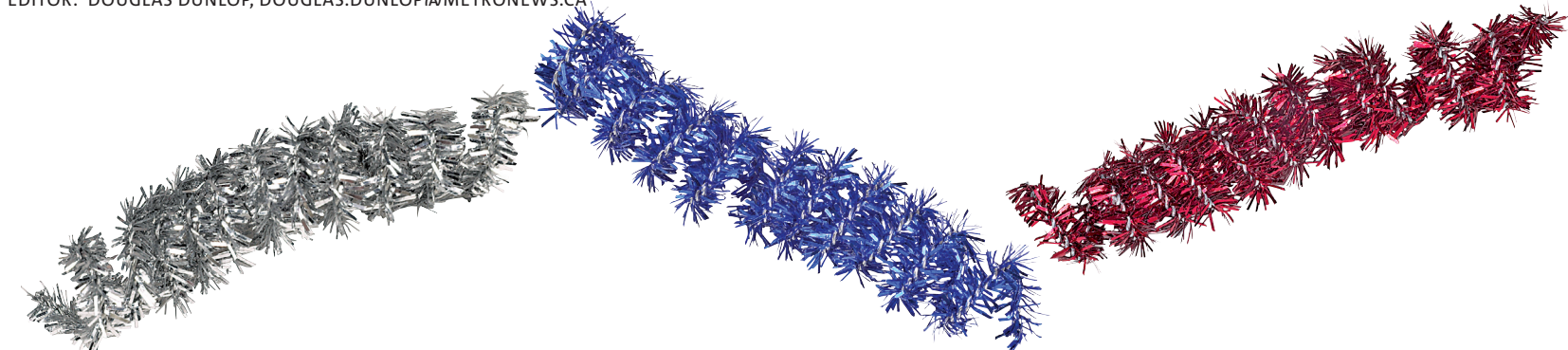
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Party on Wayne Co., party on Garth Ltd.

Despite economic downturn, holiday cheer prevails at some companies

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada



While the economic outlook this festive season might be frightful, most office holiday parties will still be delightful according to a recent poll.

In the poll conducted by Harris/Decima for Workopolis, an online career-solutions company, seven out of 10 holiday party decision-makers surveyed in Canada said they will spend the same amount on festivities as they have in past years.

Only 11 per cent of those decision makers said they'll be cancelling the party altogether.

Pat Sullivan, president of Workopolis, said given the current economy, they were surprised to find that 68 per cent of employers said they would not be cutting back on party costs at all.

"Although the economic conditions are difficult, I think we still want to thank our employees and still want to tell them what a great job they've done," Sullivan said.

To maintain company

"I think we still want to thank our employees and still want to tell them what a great job they've done."

Workopolis President Pat Sullivan

morale during tough economic times, Sullivan said, a festive holiday party might be even more crucial this year than ever before.

While 53 per cent of party organizers said they have not considered any cost-cutting measures, 17 per cent said they plan to cut out some of the holiday cheer: One in five said they would plan for less expensive entertainment or venues; 15 per cent said they would hold the party on company premises to cut costs; 13 per cent said they would hold the party on a weeknight rather than the weekend; 12 per cent said they would invite employees only and not include

significant others; and nine per cent said they would hold the party during the day rather than the evening.

And as for employee thoughts on the holiday party being scaled back, 62 per cent said they would understand.

Regardless of the economic landscape, however, a trend that seems to be emerging is for companies not to offer an office holiday party at all.

General Motors, for example, told Metro they did away with the annual event long before the current economic downturn.

"That's something we haven't done on a broad scale for a number of

years," said Patty Faith, manager of media relations for General Motors Canada.

The company chooses to spend its time and money on community charities instead, she said.

As for Workopolis itself, they're holding their holiday festivities in January.

"The timing coincides with our sales conference, so that employees from our eight offices across the country have the opportunity to see each other and celebrate the year's successes," Sullivan said.

He added that the company will spend about the same as last year on their holiday celebration.

The Workopolis poll, conducted between Nov. 6 and 10, surveyed a sample of 617 working Canadians by phone, of which 149 are involved with financial decisions regarding workplace holiday parties and 443 are not.

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From arcade games to NASA

OddJobs

Diane Peters



Recently, Arn Hyndman drove from Toronto to Ottawa with a work colleague for a meeting. As research and development technologists with Nortel Networks (the company calls them architects), the two didn't chat about the company's stock price or office gossip, they riffed on ideas.

"We were just shooting the breeze. We're inspired by challenges that we see ourselves in the world around us," Hyndman says. They came up with 10 different ideas for possible new technology projects.

It isn't just idle talk. They'll eventually get to make some of these ideas happen.

Hyndman, who's now 37, began inventing technology a young teen on Vancouver Island. His parents declared video games like Space Invaders off limits so, using the family's rudimentary computer, Hyndman designed his own version of the popular game.

It wasn't perfect, but it kept him and his friends amused for awhile. He kept writing programs and then studied computer science at the University of British Co-



When his parents said he couldn't play Space Invaders, Arn Hyndman programmed his own version of the game.

lumbia. He was eventually hired as a junior developer at Nortel in Ottawa. The company helped finance his masters in software engineering (he minored in human computer interaction) at Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania.

There, he and his classmates solved a problem for NASA: There was a six-second delay between moving the joystick of the remote control for the lunar rover and the thing actually moving, so astronauts would over-steer and even crash it. Hyndman helped invent a new monitor that would predict where the rover would go in real time.

Back at Nortel, Hyndman went on to get patents for various inventions: One that helps compatibility between network devices and their management system, and another that enables

you to ID yourself while using a wireless device so you can login or make purchases.

Currently, he's chief architect on a project called web.alive. It will allow people to talk on the web using live voice and 3-D avatars. An alternative to video conferencing, its main use will be for virtual business meetings.

Hyndman spends his days working on the project but during coffee breaks and over lunch and in the hallways, he chats with other architects — there are about 20 at Nortel — about technology problems and possible solutions for fixing them.

"We just throw around ideas all the time."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Dark Knight sets DVD record

The Dark Knight has set a new record after DVD sales soared to nearly 3 million in the U.S., Canada and Britain — three days after its release Tuesday. The Batman film has so far grossed more than \$996 million US worldwide. [IMDB.COM](#)

Entertainment

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Oscar host

Actor Hugh Jackman will be the host of the 2009 Academy Awards, organizers have announced.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

The renaissance man

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

It's taken Q-Tip nine years to release *The Renaissance*, the follow up to his 1999 solo debut *Amplified*.

"I haven't been sitting around doing nothing, I promise," says the Queens, New York rapper best known as one third of eternally cool, legendary '90s hip-hop group A Tribe Called Quest. "I'm always in the studio. Always."

The reason we haven't heard the fruits of this recording labour is, as Tip nonchalantly puts it, he's been "going through a couple of things with record labels." More specifically, Arista shelved his original sophomore effort Kamaal

the Abstract, claiming it was too obscure and not commercial enough. But that was the past, and last month, the man who was born Jonathan Davis finally had a new product to push.

"I was a little bit nervous," admits the 37-year-old about coming out with an album after almost a decade. "But I liked (the music) and I feel like people trust me for my taste."

His taste has lately been veering to older greats such as Stevie Wonder, Prince, Miles Davis and The Clash, rather than what's rotating on the radio.

As a result, *The Renaissance*, a mix of his signature smooth nasal flow over jazzy beats and live instruments is a refreshing throwback to a purer time

in hip hop. It's mellow, but with enough boom bat to get your head bobbing.

The lyrics, however — dealing with war, the economy and even in-

cluding excerpts taken from one of Barack Obama's speeches — are very now. He says it's serendipitous that *The Renaissance*, was released on the same day Obama was elected president.

"We have a socio-political renaissance with this new presi-

dent, and I feel like we're in the middle of an artistic renaissance," Tip excitedly rattles off his theory. "People are looking for more value in their music, in literature, in film, theater, just all across, people are looking for taste. And the reason why is because the Internet has leveled the playing field, and shown everybody the different permutations of things. And because of that, people's tastes are starting to get better, cooler and they're finding interesting things. It's a great time," he says coming up for air. "And I'm just happy to be able to offer this now."

The Renaissance is the follow up to Q-Tip's solo debut *Amplified*.

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weekend box office

- The Day the Earth Stood Still:** \$31 million US
- Four Christmases:** \$13.3 million
- Twilight:** \$8 million
- Bolt:** \$7.5 million
- Australia:** \$4.3 million
- Quantum of Solace:** \$3.8 million
- Nothing Like the Holiday:** \$3.5 million
- Madagascar: Escape 2:** \$3.3 million
- Milk:** \$2.6 million
- Transporter 3:** \$2.3 million

REUTERS

In brief

MUSIC Metallica, Pearl Jam and My Morning Jacket are among the artists featured on Live From Bonnaroo 2008, due out January on DVD.

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How the Grinch Stole Christmas

This 1966 Dr. Seuss animated classic teaches the value of giving, caring and having a non-materialistic Christmas. Boris Karloff's rich voice just adds to the feeling of being surrounded by a warm blanket this time of year. 8 PM on 8 CBC



Frosty the Snowman

Jackie Vernon provides the voice of Frosty, the snowman. Frosty comes to life when a magician's hat lands on his head. With the help of some children, he heads for the North Pole before he melts. But he is pursued by the magician, who wants his hat back. 8:30 PM on 8 CBC

Intervention

This show has struck a chord with viewers, who have kept it on the air for several seasons. Tonight, it starts a new one with the story of Janet, whose psychic scars from childhood sexual abuse and bullying drove her into an early marriage to a drug dealer ... and her own drug and alcohol problems. Today, her drinking is out of control. 9 PM on 31 A&E



Rashad speaking for Jenny Craig
Phylicia Rashad, who is best known for her role as Clair Huxtable on *The Cosby Show*, is the latest actress to be tapped as a spokeswoman for Jenny Craig. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Tara's in rehab

PEOPLE Actress Tara Reid is in rehab, People.com reports.

"Tara Reid has checked herself into Promises Treatment Center. We appreciate your respect to her and her family's privacy at this time," the actress' rep Jack Ketsoyan told People.

Ketsoyan would not reveal what Reid, 33, is being treated for.

A friend of Reid says she headed to the treatment facility on Tuesday.

"Her friends and family are supportive of her decision," said

the friend. "She checked in herself — it was her decision."

It is unclear if Reid will spend the holidays at Promises.

In an interview in October, Reid told People she was a "social drinker" who enjoyed an occasional glass of wine with friends.

Asked if she was ever tempted to fall back into old habits, Reid said: "No. I've done it. Trust me. I've done enough for a lifetime of everything."

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Carey's video 'perfect' proposal

ENGAGEMENT Pop star Mariah Carey forced her husband Nick Cannon to propose twice so she could capture the "perfect moment" on film, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Carey made her Cannon get down on one knee again, a day after his initial surprise proposal.

"The next day, he took me on a helicopter ride around the Empire State Building," she says.

"He got down on one knee and proposed again — someone was filming us this time because I decided I want-

ed a record of this perfect moment."

The recording came as a change of heart for the star, who had initially decided to keep the intimate moment private.

When she first discovered the 15-carat diamond ring hidden in a candy wrapper, she ran to turn off a video camera so she could secretly celebrate.

"I feel like everything in my life is always on film and I wanted this moment to be private," Carey says.

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Dane dismisses Knight rumours

TELEVISION Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane has blasted reports T.R. Knight has quit the show, insisting he is still shooting scenes, imdb.com says.

Rumours have circulated that Knight is to leave the hit medical drama, but Dane is adamant he's heard nothing from produc-

ers confirming the reports. "Not that I know of," Dane said after being asked if the rumour is true.

"I was with him yesterday working, so I don't know. Until (show creator) Shonda Rhimes tells me he's no longer on the show, he's there."

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Kanye the intern?

FASHION Kanye West is to embark on a fashion internship in London, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The rapper is reportedly so determined to carve out a successful career designing clothes he is willing to start from the bottom and has been writing to fashion houses in Europe — including Louis Vuitton on London's Bond Street — asking for ex-

perience.

"I'm going to go and take an internship and just do something that's like completely normal, and just rap at the weekends or something," West says.

Designer Raf Simons confirmed West had approached him about an internship, but admitted he was unsure whether to take him on.

"I was blown away from the planet when he told me. I know he's very serious about this ... But how can I imagine him being my intern? It's a very extreme situation," Simons says.

West is working on his Pastelle clothing line, which is set to debut next year.

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Federline praises Spears

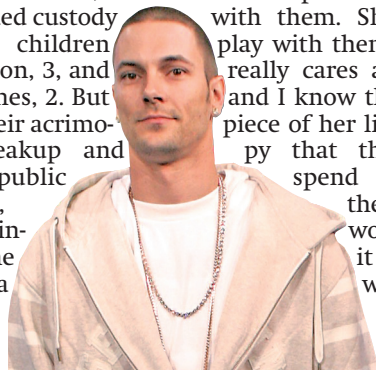
PARENTING Kevin Federline has praised his ex-wife Britney Spears' parenting skills, insisting the singer is a "great" mom, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Federline split from the pop star in 2006, and was awarded custody of their children Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2. But despite their acrimonious breakup and Spears' public meltdown, Federline insists the Spears is a brilliant mother.

"I haven't been around her too much in the last couple of years but other than that, she's a great mother. Really hands-on with the kids," he tells Hello magazine.

"She spends a lot of time with them. She loves to play with them a lot. She really cares about them and I know they're a big piece of her life. I'm happy that they get to spend time with their mother. I wouldn't have it any other way."

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Walsh's whirlwind romance over

DIVORCE Actress Kate Walsh and her husband, Alex Young, are divorcing, imdb.com reports.

According to court papers obtained by People, Young, 37, petitioned for a divorce, citing irreconcilable differences in his Nov. 22 filing.

"The couple remain on friendly terms and sincerely hope the media will respect their privacy during this difficult time," the pair said in a statement.

Walsh wed Young, a production co-president

at 20th Century Fox, on Sept. 1, 2007, in the town of Ojai, just north of Los Angeles, after becoming engaged in May.

In October 2007, Walsh, then a newlywed, talked openly about their whirlwind relationship, telling Ellen DeGeneres on her show, "There was this kind of funny moment, after we were like we're married and all of the hoopla was over and we were like, 'What do we do now?'"

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Gwyn, Chris' union 'safe'

MARRIAGE Actress Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin's marriage is safe and strong, according to the Oscar winner's close pal, chef Mario Batali, imdb.com reports.

Paltrow has been spotted partying in the U.S. with her pop star friend Madonna, while Martin tours the U.K. with his band Coldplay, prompting rumours their five-year marriage is in trouble.

Reports last week even suggested the couple planned to spend Christmas together in London in a bid to save their relationship.

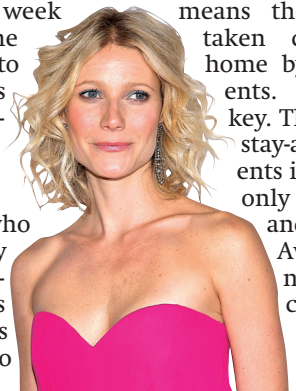
But Batali, who shot a TV cookery show with Paltrow in Spain this summer, insists there's no truth to

the rumours.

"Not true. I see them all the time. I don't think they're having problems," he tells Ok! magazine. Batali adds the pair's kids, Apple and Moses, help to keep their marriage strong.

"If you meet their kids, their kids are cool," he says. "Their kids have the fascination with new and open-eyed experiences. They're delightful. Which means they're being taken care of at home by their parents. That's the key. They're really stay-at-home parents in a way that only rock stars and Academy Award winning actors can be."

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Johansson refutes quotes

PEOPLE Fans might have guessed that actor Ryan Reynolds had a romantic side, but not because his wife Scarlett Johansson said so, E! News Online reports.

A rep for the actress has lashed out at Cosmopolitan's U.K. edition, calling its January cover story on Johansson an "obvious attempt ... to gain monetarily by misinforming their readers."

Not only were marriage-related quotations attributed to Johansson "wholly fabricated," but Johansson "has at no point granted U.K. Cosmopolitan an interview, and she

has never discussed her personal relationships with the publication," her rep said in a statement.

So where did the quotes come from?

Not Johansson, according to her camp.

"Ms. Johansson, who goes to great lengths to preserve an authentic representation of herself with respect to her fans and the media, is disappointed to see a seemingly reputable publication inexplicably publish a work of fiction at her expense," the statement continued.

Legal action will be taken, her rep promised.

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Gossip Girl stars engaged: Report

RELATIONSHIPS Gossip Girl star Leighton Meester and her beau, Sebastian Stan, are taking the next step, PageSix.com reports.

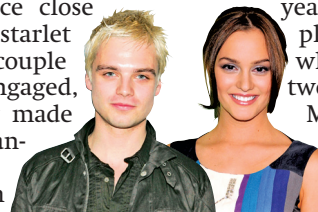
A source close to the starlet say the couple are engaged, and they made the announcement on

their "secret" Facebook pages.

Meester and Stan have been dating since they met on the set of the show last year, when Stan played a character who was featured in two early episodes.

Meester's rep had "no comment."

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Take Five

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

				9		7	2	5
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Crossword across

- 1 Saxophone range
5 Nov. follower
8 Impale
12 Benefit
13 “— Yankee Doodle Dandy ...”
14 Ocean motion
15 Farmland measure
16 Ross and backup
18 Looseleaf-paper holder
20 Lucky dice rolls
21 Prison, in Portsmouth
23 Shriner’s cap
24 2007 comedy movie
28 Nary a soul
31 — out a living
- 32 Le Pew and Le Moko
34 Convent dweller
35 Catherine — Jones
37 Quash
39 Tokyo’s old name
41 Actress Gilpin
42 Straying
45 Some hosiery
49 Imagined
51 Press
52 Map
53 Past
54 One billionth (Pref.)
55 Longings
56 Director Howard
57 Radiate

Crossword down

- 1 Common rhyme scheme
2 Places
3 Undecided
4 Nervous
5 Strips
6 Ostrich’s cousin
7 Uppercase
8 Spielberg or Bochco
9 Eastern or Pacific, e.g.
10 Mideast gulf
11 Harry’s first lady
17 Ump
19 O.K. Corral VIP
22 Drink, as a puppy might
24 “— you!”
25 Guitar’s island kin
26 Barrie boy
- 27 Trust
29 Greek consonants
30 Navy rank (Abbr.)
33 Agile
36 Tweaks
38 Angering
40 Yoko of music
42 Catch sight of
43 Hold the scepter
44 Despot
46 Exam format
47 Admonition to Nanette
48 Winter forecast
50 Id counterpart

PREVIOUS DAY’S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

P	A	R	D	O	C	S	S	A	K	E
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C	H	I	C	S	I	R	E	N	E	D

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1	6	8	5	4	2	9	3	7
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9	2	3	6	8	7	4	1	5
8	4	6	7	5	3	2	9	1
2	9	7	4	1	6	3	5	8
5	3	1	8	2	9	7	6	4

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart	
Under 13 min	Genius	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	Scholar	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Raspberry Chicken Breasts

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/2 pounds/750 g)
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) flour
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced
- 4 tsp (20 mL) sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) raspberry vinegar or red wine vinegar
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried tarragon
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) cornstarch blended with 1 tbsp (15 mL) water
- 1/2 pint (550 mL) raspberries

METHOD:

- In large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Dredge chicken in flour, shaking off excess. Add chicken to pan and sauté 4 minutes per side or until golden brown. With slotted spoon, transfer chicken to plate.
- Add scallions to pan and

cook 1 minute or until soft. Add sugar and cook 4 minutes or until sugar has melted and is amber in colour. Add vinegar and bring to a boil.
3. Add broth, tarragon and salt, and bring to a boil. Return chicken to pan, reduce to simmer, cover and cook 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.
4. Transfer chicken to dinner plates. Return sauce to a boil, whisk in cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute or until sauce is slightly thickened. Stir in raspberries. Spoon sauce over chicken.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A banking issue unnerves a leader. Someone will spare your feelings. Don't protect yourself from reality.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
An optimistic person will give you hope. Your sincere commitment will impress a demanding man. Give your self-esteem a pep talk.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A plucky woman uncovers hidden pleasures. Take your time while running errands. A creative associate challenges your intelligence.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A big-hearted man doesn't want to intimidate you. Being in the wrong place leads you to a troubled person. A crook tries to cheat someone.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Have a good excuse handy if you're accused of being tricky. A dream makes you feel vague and unmotivated. Waste some time with fools.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A gossip queen gives an invitation. Reward yourself for your charitable acts. Trust your instincts with fascinating information.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It's a good time for unusual solutions. An amusing person wants to meet you. A manager wants you to help to stabilize a situation.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Love and money won't come easily. A friend struggles with a decision. There'll be laughter when you go in the wrong direction.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can value the advice offered by a rude person. Take steps to secure your financial position. A matter must be dealt with now.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Refuse to argue with a dishonest person. Be sensitive to a bully's anxious state. A brilliant person will share a heavenly experience.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Don't reveal your identity to a mistrustful cyber-pal. A comical man chuckles when you chat. Someone rejects your wise advice.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
There's anger due to an older person's deception. Be more aware of emotional undercurrents in public. Don't go on a blind date yet.



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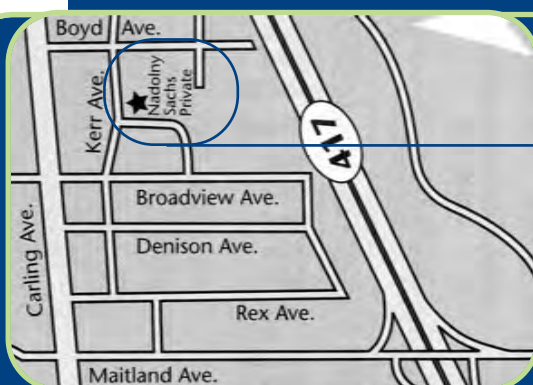
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